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REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the Notice of Allowance and the Examiner's attempt to amend the first paragraph of the specification, as well as the statement of reasons for allowance. However, some clarification is believed necessary. This amendment and associated comments should be entered by the primary examiner since they are merely clarifying in nature.

Specifically, the priority claim should not eliminate the CIP states of the application relative to related PCT/US2003/14483 (U.S. Serial No. 10/513,839, filed November 05, 2004).

Second, with respect to the statement of reasons for allowance, although it is argued that the statement closely parallels allowed claim 1, applicant does not agree that any special interpretation should be given to the identified limitations. Rather, the subject matter of claim 1 should be considered as a whole as required by 35 U.S.C. 103. Also, the remaining independent claims 19, 23, and 36 are deemed allowable on the basis of their own limitations (subject matter as a whole) and any interpretation thereof should not be impacted by the Examiner's statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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